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Public examination in schools

* 3114 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to hold public examinations in December instead of March as at present?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. The Government have since decided that the proposal to change the academic year for colleges and schools from 'June to April' to 'January to December' should be dropped in consonance with the unanimous view of all educational bodies in this State.

Offences under the Prohibition Act

* 3115 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to release the prisoners who are undergoing imprisonment for offences under the Prohibition Act; and

(*b*) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) The Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, has submitted a proposal for the suspension of sentences of all prohibition prisoners who have not been guilty of violent acts against the detective staff on their own bonds for Rs. 50, with an orientation lecture before release by the Superintendents of the Jails and with a direction to be under the supervision of the nearest District Probation Officer. The proposal is under consideration.

Malnad area

* 3116 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the development proposals sanctioned by or under the consideration of the Government for the improvement of the lot of the villagers of Malnad area in Irikkoor and Taliparamba firkas, in regard to—

(1) Communication; (2) Education; (3) Medical Aid; and (4) Agriculture.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The following roads have already been formed in the Malnad area in Taliparamba and Irikkoor firkas:—

(1) Road from Sreekandapuram to Kayambayi.

(2) Road from Sreekandapuram to Naduvil.

(3) Road from Kayambayi to Chuzhali.

No special proposals for the improvement of the condition of villages of Malnad area in Irikkoor and Taliparamba firkas are at present under the consideration of the Government. However, the